

## Subject: FCCLI 2009-2010 Chinese Heritage & Language Program

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### Chinese Heritage and Language Program Now Registering for Autumn 2009

#### About Our Program

Since 1999, this group of dedicated adoptive families has gathered on Saturdays to help encourage an appreciation of Chinese Language, Heritage and Dance and Culture for their adopted, (and biological) children.

The program is unique in that is geared specifically for the needs of our community of families - - families who do not speak Mandarin at home, nor have extensive knowledge of Chinese culture and language. Another distinctive feature exclusive to our meetings is that children and their parents attend and participate together. As a result, our program fosters an environment that also functions as a support group for both parents and children alike.

Language skills are quickly acquired through songs, dance and games, and then as children gain experience, we progress to character recognition, reading, and writing. Stroke order is soon understood through an innovative approach of cutting and piecing together characters; a technique developed by our mentor, Ms. Man-Li Lin (which has since been implemented in programs and schools across the US and in China.)

Our program also provides an exposure to many cultural elements as well. Among these are Tai Chi, Shaolin Kung Fu and various styles of traditional dance. Our families are occasionally exposed to a variety of Chinese foods, and traditions not often found on Long Island. We encourage a positive connection to the Flushing Chinese-American Community and schedule seasonal visits to the many cultural opportunities available in the area. In short, our program provides a very unique and important opportunity for enrichment for our very unique and important families.

Classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at 25 Broadway, Amityville, NY.

## Class Times\*

(subject to change, based on enrollment\*\*)

9:00 am to 10:30 am  
10:30 am to 12:00 pm  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Past students please select the same time as last year. New students nursery through age five will be placed in the 2:00 pm class. Elementary school age students please e-mail us at [heritageprogram@fcli.org](mailto:heritageprogram@fcli.org) for assistance with placement.

\*\* In the event our class schedule changes, and you cannot attend at the new time slot, we will refund your deposit.

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## Class Calendar

October 17, 2009  
October 24, 2009  
October 31, 2009  
November 7, 2009 - Annual Autumn Field Trip  
November 14, 2009  
November 21, 2009  
December 5, 2009  
December 12, 2009  
December 19, 2009  
January 2, 2010  
January 9, 2010  
January 23, 2010  
January 30, 2010  
February 6, 2010  
February 13, 2010  
February 27, 2010 - tentative CNY Celebration  
March 6, 2010  
March 13, 2010  
March 20, 2010  
April 10, 2010  
April 17, 2010  
April 24, 2010  
May 1, 2010  
May 8, 2010  
May 15, 2010  
May 22, 2010  
June 5, 2010 - tentative Summer BBQ  
June 12, 2010  
June 19, 2010

## Registration Information

### Program Fees

\$ 350\* / year for 1st Child  
\$ 294\* / year for each additional Child (% 15 off)  
\$ 300\* / year - 1hr Toddler Class

Final Balance of Tuition for all students is due no later than September 2nd, 2008.

(Cost includes 1 or both parents. One parent is REQUIRED, both are welcome.)

\* Materials such as books & video tapes can be purchased on site. Costs range between \$10 - \$20 per item

Payments can be made by credit card online at [www.fccny.org](http://www.fccny.org) - (follow prompts for event registration)

OR-

by check made payable to "FCCLI CH & LP" and submitted by mail to:  
FCCLI -CH & LP  
c/o Danielle Gallagher  
633 Pease Lane  
West Islip, NY 11795

**ALL STUDENTS** please send in a copy of the registration form.

Classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at 25 Broadway in Amityville.

### Directions

From the LIE, Southern State Parkway, or Sunrise Highway:

Take Route 110 South, all the way into the Village of Amityville.(Route 110 becomes Broadway.) At the center of the Village there is a Gazebo, bear left and continue on Route 110/Broadway. The church is on the left side, BEFORE Route 27A/Merrick Road. There's a municipal parking lot across the street from the church. Enter the church from the front and go up to the second floor.

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